

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Notice of Panel Decision of November 7, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 7-13, 15, 22, 26, 29, 31, and 42-47 are requested.

The Office Action/Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 7-13, 15, 26, 29, and 31 stand allowed.

Claims 22 and 42-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Manwaring (US 5,638,819) in view of Wilk (WO 93/15648).

The Present Amendment

Claims 22 and 42-47 have been amended to incorporate selected subject matter from the allowed independent claims. With this amendment, it is submitted that all claims distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record.

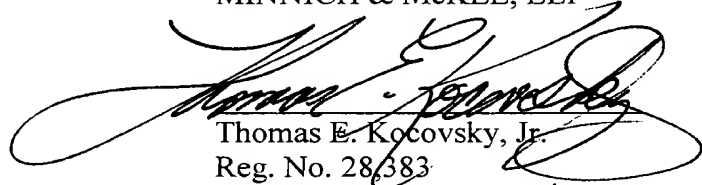
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that the application and claims are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, she is requested to telephone Thomas Kocovsky at (216) 861-5582.

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